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SUBJECT: CSCE: EC-9 POSITION ON MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SPEAKING NOTES ON WHICH GERMAN PERMREP DREW(PARA 9. REFTTEL) IN PRESENTING THE EC-9 POSITION ON A SEPARATE CSCE MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION DURING APRIL 22 CSCE CONSULTATIONS IN THE NAC.
BEGIN TEXT:

1. AT ITS MEETING OF 18 APRIL 1974, THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE NINE ALSO DEALT WITH THE ITALIAN DRAFT OF A DECLARATION OF CSCE ON RELATIONS BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE QUESTION OF INTRODUCING SUCH A PAPER SEPARATELY HAS ALSO BEEN DISCUSSED.

2. THE NINE HAD AT FIRST ALSO DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF INTRODUCING THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION SEPARATELY INTO THE APPROPRIATE PARTS OF THE FINAL DOCUMENTS.
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HOWEVER, PREFERENCE HAD FINALLY BEEN GIVEN TO A SEPARATE DRAFT DECLARATION, FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. THE CONSULTATION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES IS DUE TO A DECISION OF THE CONFERENCE;

B. THE NON-PARTICIPATING MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES HAVE MADE CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTIONS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND ARE EXPECTING A REACTION FROM THE CONFERENCE;

C. IF THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE RESOLUTION WERE INTRODUCED INTO THE RESOLUTIONS OF BASKETS I AND II, THIS WOULD HAVE MUCH MORE FAR-REACHING EFFECTS;

D. WE SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN THIS QUESTION AND NOT ADOPT A DEFENSIVE ATTITUDE. IF WE WERE NOT TO INTRODUCE A DRAFT RESOLUTION, WE SHOULD HAVE TO EXPECT AN INITIATIVE FROM NON-COMMITTED COUNTRIES (SPAIN, MALTA, CYPRUS) WITH WHICH WE WOULD THEN HAVE TO DEAL.

3. THE DRAFT RESOLUTION IN ITS PRESENT FORM IS COINED IN SUCH GENERAL LANGUAGE THAT IT NEED NOT GIVE RISE TO ANY CONTROVERSY.

4. SEVERAL NON-PARTICIPATING MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN CONSULTED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF A SEPARATE MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION, NOT ON ITS CONTENTS. THE CHAIR HAS BEEN ASKED TO CONTINUE THE EXPLORATION AMONG THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES INCLUDING ISRAEL.

5. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DISCUSS THE MATTER AMONG THE FIFTEEN IN GENEVA. END TEXT. RUMSFELD

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